

# A RESOLUTION

NO. 3271-11-2005

## ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO FUND PLUMBING REPAIRS AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES FOR PAYMENT OF WATER AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES

**WHEREAS**, an extraordinary event or crisis situation has the capability of depleting a household's financial resources;

**WHEREAS**, unexpected increases in utility expenses may place a financial burden on some household budgets that are limited;

**WHEREAS**, a family's inability to pay for plumbing repairs may waste water and result in an increase in water bills;

**WHEREAS**, some families are forced to make painful decisions regarding which bills to pay and which necessities to survive without;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City of Fort Worth to establish a program whereby water rate paying customers are afforded the opportunity to assist low income families by making voluntary donations on their water bills, with the funds to be used to pay for plumbing repairs and provide payment assistance for water, wastewater, and solid waste collection fees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

1. That the City Council through the adoption of this resolution hereby approves the establishment of a Utility Bill Assistance Pilot Program, which will give the City's retail water customers the opportunity to add a voluntary contribution to their water bill payments to assist low income families by funding plumbing repairs and providing financial aid for payment of water and solid waste collection fees.
2. That contributions collected by the Water Department be transferred to the Parks and Community Services Department to supplement the existing Water/Garbage Fee Assistance and Plumbing Repair Program established by M&C G-14656 on January 18, 2005.



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3. That the Parks and Community Services Department be named program administrator and have responsibility for distribution of funds to Water Department customers whose income is at or below 175% of the federal poverty income guidelines and need assistance with the payment of their water and solid waste collection fees.
4. That two payments up to a maximum amount of \$300 per year for utility bill assistance and \$1,000 per year for plumbing repairs be distributed per family.
5. That the Utility Bill Assistance Pilot Program be evaluated one year after the program is established.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

ATTEST:

By: Marty Hendrix  
Marty Hendrix, City Secretary

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL

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Marty Hendrix  
City Secretary of the  
City of Fort Worth, Texas



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